

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A molding machine, comprising:
a stationary platen carrying a stationary mold;
a movable platen arranged movably relative to said stationary platen and carrying a movable mold;
a first base frame supporting a first mass including said stationary platen; and
a second base frame supporting a second mass different from said first mass, said second mass including said movable platen,
further comprising a rear platen disposed, at a location opposite to said stationary platen, about said movable platen, and a tie bar tying said stationary platen and said rear platen with each other and defining a longitudinal axis extending in a direction of movement of said movable platen;
wherein said first mass includes said rear platen and said tie bar.
2. (original) A molding machine, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first base frame and said second base frame are independently shiftable relative to each other.
3. (original) A molding machine, as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one of said first base frame and said second base frame is provided with a level adjusting mechanism for adjusting a relative height and a parallelism between said stationary platen and said movable platen.
4. (cancelled)
5. (original) A molding machine, as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a platen support movably supporting said movable platen on said second base frame; wherein said second mass includes said platen support.

6. (original) A molding machine, as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a drive section for applying a drive force to said movable platen so as to move said movable platen relative to said stationary platen; wherein said first mass includes said drive section.

7. (original) A molding machine, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first base frame and said second base frame are locally connected to each other.

8. (currently amended) A molding machine, comprising:
a movable platen carrying a movable mold arranged movably relative to a stationary platen carrying a stationary mold; and;
a first base frame supporting said stationary platen and a second base frame supporting said movable platen,
further comprising a rear platen disposed, at a location opposite to said stationary platen, about said movable platen, and a tie bar tying said stationary platen and said rear platen with each other and defining a longitudinal axis extending in a direction of movement of said movable platen;
wherein said first base frame supports said rear platen and said tie bar.

9. (canceled)

10. (New) A molding machine, comprising:
a first base frame supporting a first mass including a stationary platen;
a second base frame supporting a second mass different from said first mass, said second mass including a movable platen arranged movably relative to said stationary platen;
said stationary platen carrying a stationary mold; and
said movable platen carrying a movable mold,
further comprising a rear platen disposed, at a location opposite to said stationary platen, about said movable platen, and a tie bar tying said stationary platen and said rear platen with each other and defining a longitudinal axis extending in a direction of movement of said movable platen;
wherein said first mass includes said rear platen and said tie bar.